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DEPT FOR FAA AIA-200 AND MCKENDRICK, FHWA, HHO-20, FROM LUECKER

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: EAID, KU

SUBJ: FAA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO KUWAIT

1. IN INITIAL MEETING OF FAA REPS LUECKER AND STIRMINSKI WITH MIN PUB WORKS (MPW) UNDER SECRETARY BADR AL-ABDUL-RAZAK, LATTER STATED OBJECTION TO ESTABLISHING FAA/MPW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON GROUNDS THAT COMPLEX ISSUES WITHIN GOK WOULD BE RAISED. HE ASKED THAT FAA FURNISH PERSONNEL UNDER EXISTING FHWA/MPW AGREEMENT FOR WHICH PURPOSE MPW WOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INCREASE IN DOLLAR ADVANCE AND FUNDING AUTHORIZATION.

2. IN ORDER PERMIT FAA REPS REACH SUBSTANTIAL CONCLUSIONS WITH MPW, REQUEST THAT FAA CONSULT URGENTLY WITH FHWA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE AND ADVISE ASAP.

3. LUECKER SUGGESTS POSSIBILITY OF DOCUMENTING UNDERSTANDING INFORMALLY BY EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN FAA/FHWA AND MPW UPON FINAL DECISION TO PROCEED WITH FAA ASSISTANCE AND AFTER RETURN FAA REPS TO WASHINGTON.

4. CHARGE'S COMMENTS: GOK REQUEST TO INCLUDE FAA REPS UNDER EXISTING FHWA AGREEMENT MAY WELL BE CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS EXTENDING FAA ASSISTANCE TO KUWAIT. MPW HAS BEEN UNDER SHARP ATTACK IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PAST OVER NUMBER OF FOREIGN EXPERTS IT

EMPLOYS AND MINISTRY HAS AGREED TRY TO REDUCE NUMBERS. SEPARATE
FAA AGREEMENT WOULD TEND TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON NEW EXPERTS
DURING BUDGET REVIEW BY ASSEMBLY AND THUS EMBARRASS MPW.
IN FACT, MINISTRY MAY WELL CONSIDER THAT IF NEW AGREEMENT REQUIRED
IT WOULD PRESENT TOO GREAT A RISK OF ASSEMBLY CENSURE AND THUS
MINISTRY MAY DECLINE PROCEED FURTHER WITH PROGRAM.

5. IN VIEW SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE AMBASSADOR ATTACHES TO THIS
PROGRAM, URGE THAT USG MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AS FLEXIBLE AS
POSSIBLE ON THIS ISSUE. INFORMAL LETTER AMENDMENT TO FHWA
AGREEMENT MAY BE WAY OUT. FAA EXPERTS HERE COULD MAKE TREMENDOUS
DIFFERENCE FOR US BUSINESS IN KUWAIT IN FUTURE IN MANY AVIATION-
RELATED FIELDS AND OUR FLEXIBILITY ON AGREEMENT SHOULD PAY OFF
HEAVILY IN FUTURE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST RESPONSE QUERY PARA 2 NO LATER
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